

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii*, ~~an Apicomplex of the family *Sarcocystidae*, characterized in that it comprises a mutation which inactivates the in which adhesin MIC1 and a mutation which inactivates the adhesin MIC3 are inactivated by a mutation of each of MIC1 and MIC3 genes.~~

Claims 2 and 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~The use of a A method of vaccination against an infection by *Toxoplasma gondii*, comprising administering to an animal the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, for obtaining a vaccine claim 1.~~

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A vaccine comprising [a] the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1.

Claim 7 (new): A method of protecting an animal against the formation of brain cysts during *Toxoplasma gondii* infection, comprising administering to an animal the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 8 (new): A method of reducing abortions caused by *Toxoplasma gondii*, comprising administering to an animal the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 9 (new): A composition comprising the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1.